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From: Mike Simon [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:31 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: [EXT] South Dakota benefits from wind energy

Mike Simon

[REDACTED]  
Estelline, SD 57234

May 28, 2019

Dear Chris Nelson,

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Sincerely,  
Mike Simon

**From:** Mike Simon [REDACTED]

**Date:** May 28, 2019 at 3:31:08 AM CDT

**To:** Gary Hanson

**Subject:** [EXT] South Dakota benefits from wind energy

**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

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To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: [EXT] South Dakota benefits from wind energy

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[REDACTED]  
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Dear Kristie Fiegen,

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From: Nelson, Chris

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [EXT] South Dakota benefits from wind energy

Mike,

Thank you for your email and conveying your thoughts to me. I will add these comments to the public comments section of the Crowned Ridge Wind docket so that the comments are available to my fellow commissioners and the public.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner

500 E Capitol Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:29 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** EL19-003, EL19-007, EL19-012

Mr. Simon,

Thank you for your message relaying your support of wind energy development projects to provide jobs and reduce property taxes.

The Public Utilities Commission has three wind dockets being processed for which the commissioners have yet to vote as to whether or not to issue requested siting permits: Crowned Ridge, docket EL19-003; Triple H, EL19-007; and Sweetland, EL19-012.

My fellow commissioners and I take several factors into account when considering whether or not to grant a wind siting permit. The primary duty of the commission is to ensure the location, construction, and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects to the health, safety, and welfare of the environment and citizens. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Please direct any future comments concerning pending dockets before the commission to [PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us), along with your name, full mailing address, and the specific docket number for the issue you reference.

Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the three dockets specified above, so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them. This Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/el19-012/sitinghandout.pdf>.

Gary Hanson, Chairman  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
[www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov)

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 4:50 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** EL19-003, EL19-007, EL19-012

Mr. Simon,

Thank you for your message regarding wind energy development and the benefits you perceive and shared. As you likely know, the PUC has three pending wind siting permit requests. These are being reviewed by staff and commissioners, and no final decision has been issued yet.

Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in these dockets: EL19-003, EL19-007, and EL19-012.

In the future, please send messages regarding open dockets before the commission to [PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us). Here is a link to the commission's Siting Guidelines that explains the proper communications with commissioners on open dockets such as these:  
<http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/el19-003/el19-003sitinghandout.pdf>.

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